Construction of Motor Bridge on River Ganges

1251. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) when was the construction work on motor bridge being constructed over river Ganges connecting Rishikesh and Pauri started;

(b) what is the total amount spent so far on the said motor bridge and what are the main hindrances in completing the same at an early date;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said motor bridge collapsed during the course of winds of very high velocity in the year 1991-92;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to change the site of the motor bridge from Dev Prayag to Umaraso; and

(e) whether Government propose to complete the construction of the said motor bridge at the earliest in order to remove the difficulties being faced by the residents of the area, and if so, by when the construction work is likely to be completed and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) Constitutionally, the Government of India is primarily concerned with roads declared as National Highways only, including bridges thereon. The responsibility for roads other than National Highways is essentially that of the State Governments concerned. Since the bridge in question falls on the State road network, its construction is the responsibility of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

1252. *[Transferred to 14th May, 1993]*

National Highways in Eighth Five Year Plan

1253. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the New National Highways proposed to be created in Eighth Five Year Plan in different parts of the country;

(b) what are the proposals for the conversion of State Highways into National Highways; and

(c) by when they will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Government of India have received 135 proposals from various States for declaration of new National Highways. However, owing to limited allocations earmarked for the Central Sector Roads Programme in the 8th Five Year Plan, it is very difficult to consider declaration of any new National Highway in any State at present.

Development of National Highway No. 17

1254. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for repair of the National Highway No. 17 linking Goa and Bombay; and

(b) whether the work has been started and if so, by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) As per information